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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace any prior version or listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 (currently amended). A handle assembly engageable with a shaft extending from a device, said handle assembly for rotating said shaft to actuate said device, said handle assembly comprising:

a head having a receptacle therein sized to receive said shaft;

an elongated grip attached to said head and projecting outwardly therefrom for facilitating manual rotation of said head when said handle assembly is mounted on said device;

an arcuate slot positioned in said head and having a concave side facing said receptacle, said slot having first and second ends disposed opposite to one another;

a limit post fixedly attachable to said device so as to project into said slot, said limit post being engageable with at least one of said first and second ends of said slot to limit rotation of said head relatively to said device; and

a stop body positioned within said slot, said stop body having first and second gripping surfaces positioned on opposite sides of said head and engageable therewith, at least one of said gripping surfaces being movable into and out of engagement with said head for compressing said head between said gripping surfaces and thereby temporarily fixing said stop body at a predetermined position in said slot, said stop body being engageable with said limit post to limit rotation of said head;

a plate fixedly mountable on said device and positionable between said head and said device, said plate

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having a plurality of teeth extending outwardly away from said receptacle and positioned along an arcuate path; and
an elongated latch pivotally attached to said grip,
said latch having a first end portion engageable with any one
of said teeth and a second end portion extending lengthwise
along said grip, said first end portion being pivotally
movable into and out of engagement with any one of said teeth
by manually pivoting said second end portion relatively to
said grip to respectively prevent and permit rotation of said
head relatively to said plate.

2 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said stop body comprises a threaded bolt and a nut engageable with said bolt, said bolt extending through said slot and having a bolt head comprising said first gripping surface positioned on one side of said head, said nut comprising said second gripping surface and being positioned on an opposite side of said head, said bolt being temporarily fixed in said predetermined position upon tightening of said nut onto said bolt.

3 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 1, further comprising a hold fast body for temporarily preventing rotation of said head, said hold fast body being fixedly attachable to said device, said hold fast body having a compression member positioned adjacent to said head, said compression member being movable into and out of engagement with said head, said head being temporarily fixed in a predetermined position when said compression member is moved into engagement therewith thereby preventing its rotation relatively to said device.

4 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 3, wherein said hold fast body comprises:

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said limit post, said limit post comprising a threaded shaft extending through said slot; and

a jam nut threadedly engaged on said limit post, said jam nut comprising said compression member and being engageable with said head upon tightening to compress said head to temporarily fix said head in said predetermined position.

Claim 5 (canceled).

6 (currently amended). A handle assembly according to Claim 1, further engageable with a shaft extending from a device, said handle assembly for rotating said shaft to actuate said device, said handle including a lock fitting engageable with a lock for preventing actuation of said device, said handle assembly lock fitting comprising:

a head having a receptacle therein sized to receive said shaft;

an elongated grip attached to said head and projecting outwardly therefrom for facilitating manual rotation of said head when said handle assembly is mounted on said device;

an arcuate slot positioned in said head and having a concave side facing said receptacle, said slot having first and second ends disposed opposite to one another;

a limit post fixedly attachable to said device so as to project into said slot, said limit post being engageable with at least one of said first and second ends of said slot to limit rotation of said head relatively to said device;

a stop body positioned within said slot, said stop body having first and second gripping surfaces positioned on opposite sides of said head and engageable therewith, at least one of said gripping surfaces being movable into and out of engagement with said head for compressing said head between

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said gripping surfaces and thereby temporarily fixing said stop body at a predetermined position in said slot, said stop body being engageable with said limit post to limit rotation of said head, wherein said lock fitting comprises:

a first aperture extending through said head;
and

a plate fixedly mountable on said device and positionable between said head and said device, said plate having a second aperture extending therethrough, said first and second apertures being alignable with one another for receiving said lock therethrough upon rotation of said head, said lock preventing rotation of said head relatively to said plate when engaged with said apertures.

7 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said plate is attached to said device by a non-removable fastener.

8 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 7, wherein said non-removable fastener comprises a bolt having a break-away head portion and a nut having a break-away head portion, said head portions being engageable by a tool for tightening said nut and said bolt effecting attachment of said plate to said device, said head portions being removable from said bolt and said nut after attachment of said plate, removal of said head portions preventing removal of said bolt and said nut using said tool.

9 (currently amended). A handle assembly ~~according to Claim 1, further~~ engageable with a shaft extending from a device, said handle assembly for rotating said shaft to actuate said device, said handle assembly comprising:

a head having a receptacle therein sized to receive said shaft;

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a blind hole extending through said head and intersecting said receptacle; and

a pin insertable within said blind hole and engageable with said shaft for retaining said head to said shaft, said head being substantially non-removable from said shaft upon insertion of said pin into said blind hole and engagement with said shaft;

an elongated grip attached to said head and projecting outwardly therefrom for facilitating manual rotation of said head when said handle assembly is mounted on said device;

an arcuate slot positioned in said head and having a concave side facing said receptacle, said slot having first and second ends disposed opposite to one another;

a limit post fixedly attachable to said device so as to project into said slot, said limit post being engageable with at least one of said first and second ends of said slot to limit rotation of said head relatively to said device; and

a stop body positioned within said slot, said stop body having first and second gripping surfaces positioned on opposite sides of said head and engageable therewith, at least one of said gripping surfaces being movable into and out of engagement with said head for compressing said head between said gripping surfaces and thereby temporarily fixing said stop body at a predetermined position in said slot, said stop body being engageable with said limit post to limit rotation of said head.

Claims 10-13 (canceled).

14 (currently amended). A handle assembly engageable with a shaft extending from a device, said handle assembly for rotating said shaft to actuate said device, said handle

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assembly being engageable with a lock for preventing rotation of said shaft, said handle assembly comprising:

a head having a receptacle therein sized to receive said shaft;

a first aperture extending through said head; a plate fixedly mountable on said device and positionable between said head and said device, said plate having a second aperture extending therethrough, said first and second apertures being alignable with one another for receiving said lock therethrough upon rotation of said head, said lock preventing rotation of said head relatively to said plate when engaged with said apertures, a plurality of teeth being positioned on said plate along an arcuate path, said teeth extending outwardly away from said receptacle; and

an elongated grip attached to said head and projecting outwardly therefrom for facilitating manual rotation of said head when said handle assembly is mounted on said device; and

an elongated latch pivotally attached to said grip, said latch having a first end portion engageable with any one of said teeth and a second end portion extending lengthwise along said grip, said first end portion being pivotally movable into and out of engagement with any one of said teeth by manually pivoting said second end portion relatively to said grip to respectively prevent and permit rotation of said head relatively to said plate.

15 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 14, wherein said plate is attached to said device by a non-removable fastener.

16 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 15, wherein said non-removable fastener comprises a bolt having a break-away head portion and a nut having a break-away head

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portion, said break-away head portions being engageable by a tool for tightening said nut and said bolt effecting attachment of said plate to said device, said break-away head portions being removable from said bolt and said nut after attachment of said plate, removal of said break-away head portions preventing removal of said bolt and said nut using said tool.

17 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 14, further comprising:

a blind hole extending through said head and intersecting said receptacle; and

a pin insertable within said blind hole and engageable with said shaft for retaining said head to said shaft, said head being substantially non-removable from said shaft upon insertion of said pin into said blind hole and engagement with said shaft.

Claim 18 (canceled).

19 (currently amended). A handle assembly according to Claim 14, further engageable with a shaft extending from a device, said handle assembly for rotating said shaft to actuate said device, said handle assembly being engageable with a lock for preventing rotation of said shaft, said handle assembly comprising:

a head having a receptacle therein sized to receive said shaft;

an arcuate slot positioned in said head and having a concave side facing said receptacle, said slot having first and second ends disposed opposite to one another; and

a limit post fixedly attachable to said device so as to project into said slot, said limit post being engageable

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with at least one of said first and second ends of said slot to limit rotation of said handle relatively to said device;
a first aperture extending through said head;
a plate fixedly mountable on said device and
positionable between said head and said device, said plate
having a second aperture extending therethrough, said first
and second apertures being alignable with one another for
receiving said lock therethrough upon rotation of said head,
said lock preventing rotation of said head relatively to said
plate when engaged with said apertures; and
an elongated grip attached to said head and
projecting outwardly therefrom for facilitating manual
rotation of said head when said handle assembly is mounted on
said device.

20 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 19, further comprising a stop body positioned within said slot, said stop body having first and second gripping surfaces positioned on opposite sides of said head and engageable therewith, at least one of said gripping surfaces being movable into engagement with said head for compressing said head between said gripping surfaces and temporarily fixing said stop body at a predetermined position in said slot, said stop body being engageable with said limit post to limit rotation of said head.

21 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 20, wherein said stop body comprises a threaded bolt and a nut engageable with said bolt, said bolt extending through said slot and having a bolt head comprising said first gripping surface positioned on one side of said head, said nut comprising said second gripping surface and being positioned on an opposite side of said head, said bolt being fixed in

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said predetermined position upon tightening of said nut onto said bolt.

22 (currently amended). A handle assembly according to Claim ~~19~~ 14, further comprising a hold fast body for temporarily preventing rotation of said head, said hold fast body being fixedly attachable to said device, said hold fast body having a compression member positioned adjacent to said head, said compression member being movable into and out of engagement with said head, said head being temporarily fixed in a predetermined position when said compression member is moved into engagement therewith thereby preventing its rotation relatively to said device.

23 (original). A handle assembly according to Claim 22, wherein said hold fast body comprises:

 said limit post, said limit post comprising a threaded shaft extending through said slot; and

 a jam nut threadedly engaged on said limit post, said jam nut comprising said compression member and being engageable with said head upon tightening to compress said head to temporarily fix it in said predetermined position.

Claims 24-35 (canceled).